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RESPONDING TO LC-MS

BY BISHOP DON MAIER

This happened last month.

When President Al Barry of the LC-MS was informed that I would be installing the new Principal at Seattle Lutheran High School, President Berry directed the local District President to intervene and forbid any local LC-MS clergy to participate in the service. This came as a shock to many local Missouri Synod pastors and members. It appears to be an early indication of the way in which things will go in line with decisions taken at the recent LC-MS convention.

I suspect that the LC-MS may be entering into a new time of crisis, not unlike the crisis of 25 years ago. Hard-nosed ideologues have the power and the money to force their way upon that church body, to the consternation of many local pastors and congregations and, now, to the peril of what inter-Lutheran ministries continue to exist in this and other parts of the country.

Some of you are aware of President Barry's recent pamphlet that is critical of the ELCA. You should also be aware of a series of bulletin inserts prepared for ELCA congregations intended to help our members deal with those criticisms.

For a time, life is going to be difficult with and for our LC-MS neighbors. I urge us to be charitable, truthful in all things. I urge us to be supportive to those moderates in the LC-MS who seek a more ecumenical and evangelical way. The Body of Christ is involved here.

FIVE GRANTS AWARDED

Five grants were awarded by the NWWA Board of Outreach and Evangelism.

- Cascadia Cluster received a $1,200 grant to conduct a-day-and-a half workshop on the Healthy Congregation with Rev. Peter Steinke.
- Immanuel Lutheran and Tierra Nueva del Norte (Skagit Hispanic Ministries) received a grant for $1,900 to provide an adult Bible class and discipleship training for the Hispanic community.
- St Paul/St John Oromo Fellowship received a $3,000 grant to provide an outreach ministry to the Oromo (Ethiopian) community in Seattle.
- Whidbey Island Project received a $1,300 grant to establish a new before-and-after childcare program at St. Peter's, Clinton.
- Eastside Evangelism Project (Bellevue) received a $3,000 grant to sponsor a conference to provide inspiration and practical help for individuals in their witness to the Gospel.

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SYNOD NEWS

SATURDAY, OCT. 17
9 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.
PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY, TACOMA
XAVIER 201

- Formal hearing on the draft of the ELCA social statement regarding economic life, "Toward Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All".
- Key-note address by Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, author of *Families Valued.*
- Small group discussions and lunch.
- For registration information contact Pastor Ron Kempe at 253-845-8819.

ELCA HEALTH PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS WILL INCREASE IN 1999

Excerpt from "allABOARD" a Board of Pensions publication

Sharp rises in national health care costs and medical claims will translate into a 10 to 16 percent increase in the 1999 ELCA health plan contributions paid for sponsored members.

As of Jan. 1:

- Member-only coverage will be 8.7 percent of salary.
- Member and spouse or children coverage will be 14 percent of salary.
- Member, spouse and children coverage will be 19.7 percent of salary.

Minimum and maximum amounts charged for coverage will also increase to cover costs of administering a national health plan. Contribution rates for disability and survivor benefits will remain unchanged.

As a unit of this church, we are sensitive to the financial impact health benefit costs have on congregations and other sponsoring organizations. To reduce the impact, we will allow our contingency reserve (used for unexpected claims) to dip below our target minimum on a short-term basis. We are also seeking other solutions to stem future costs.

The 1999 contribution hike comes as the Board of Pensions is looking seriously at how it provides health care coverage that is both comprehensive and affordable. In fact, health care has surfaced as a priority issue for our board of trustees, which is developing a strategic plan to guide the Board's work and service in the coming years.

If you have additional questions, please contact Member Services Department at 1-800-352-2876.

REMINDER

The Bishop's Convocation will take place from Thursday, Oct. 8 to Saturday, Oct. 10 at the Presbyterian Church in Friday Harbor. Registration will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on Oct. 8. Closing worship will be from 10 to 11 a.m. on Oct. 8.

The topic for this upcoming Convocation is *The Gospel of Matthew: Images for Church and Community.* The featured speaker is Dr. Mark Allen Powell from Trinity Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. The Rev. Michael Rothaar, Director for Planning, Division of Congregational Ministries, will also speak. Contact the Synod office for more information. (Registration is now closed.)

LISTENING POSTS

A grassroots movement has begun in NWWA to train Lutheran congregations to welcome newly arrived immigrants using instruction in English as a Second Language (ESL). Formal training weekends for ESL will begin later this fall but, during September, three sessions were setup to give people an opportunity to share experiences and vision for an ESL Outreach Fellowship. (The next session will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Bethlehem, Tacoma.)

"Involving our churches in ESL is a wonderful way to share the gospel of Jesus Christ," said Peter Lai, Congregational Ministry Coordinator. "It is my dream that we can do this here in our Region."

If you would like to have more information, contact Pastor Lai at the Region 1 Office at 206-624-0093.

The Synod Staff is updating the NWWA directory. Please contact the office with any changes including e-mail addresses and any church home pages. With your help, this directory can be up-to-date and an effective tool for all of us.

HELP SAVE THE MIDDLE EAST PROCESS

Learn more about the Middle East Peace Process and how your involvement can help. Ronald Young, Executive Director, US Inter-religious Committee for Peace in the Middle East, is more than happy to speak to local congregations, clergy groups, community meetings, and interfaith gatherings. Contact Young at 360-652-4285 or e-mail at USICPME@aol.com.

NOW NOW YOU YOU CAN CAN DO DO EVEN EVEN MORE MORE

You're seeing double, all right. The money your church designates for your community outreach programs could soon be doubled.

Families of Promise: The Community Connection has been awarded matching funds from AAL for congregations to use in their community outreach projects with a special emphasis on children, youth, and families.

AAL's Network Grant Program will match funds raised or set aside before December 1, 1998, by congregations participating in Families of Promise. (Families of Promise is an LSS innovative partnership with congregations to support neighborhood kids and families.) Three workshops will be held to give information on how to implement Families of Promise. These workshops will take place on Oct. 3, Oct. 31, and Nov. 21.

Please call Karen Schaefer, Families of Promise Coordinator, at 206-694-5706 for more information.

Families of Promise is supported by a major grant from Wheatridge with additional support from the NWWA Gloria Dei Endowment Fund.

DR. HARRY WENDT TO LEAD BIBLE STUDIES AT LBI

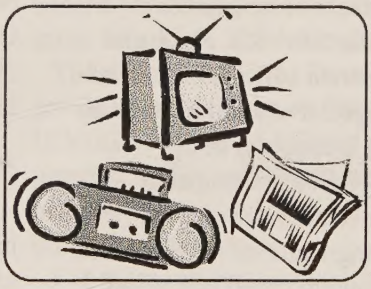
Dr. Harry Wendt will be at the Lutheran Bible Institute as part of the Discipleship Week program on Oct. 26-30. Evening sessions on the "Parables of Jesus" will be of special interest and take place on Tuesday through Thursday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Chapels and day-long sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday are also available. The sessions are free and the materials can be purchased at cost.

Dr. Wendt is founder of Crossways International. The Crossways Bible study material has been translated into over 20 languages. To date, about 25,000 clergy, teachers, and lay-leaders have attended a Crossways seminar.

For more information call 425-392-0400 or e-mail stime@lbi.edu.

ELCA IDENTITY PROJECT

ELCA is launching a nationwide identity campaign to raise awareness of the Lutheran church among people not associated with any church and to reinforce positive views of the ELCA among its members. The campaign was unveiled at the Communicators Conference in Chicago at the end of August.



The campaign involves television, radio, print ads, and outdoor advertising. The focus of each advertisement was determined only after research pointed the ELCA to two age groups: baby boomers (with children) and "Generation X" (young adults 18-30 years of age).

At the conference, NWWA attendees received the training kits and three training sessions. (See related article, "Training for Communicators", page 8.) Later this fall, the ELCA will introduce Bishop Don Maier and the NWWA Evangelism Committee to the Identity Campaign at two separate conferences.

At this time, ELCA plans to begin the national advertising campaign late this year. Each Synod is being asked to support this campaign by involving local congregations.

Currently, the NWWA Communications Committee is reviewing the kits and developing a plan to "roll out" the campaign to NWWA congregations. An important part is to not only prepare pastors and lay leaders for the public roll-out of the campaign, but to also hone their media skills, evangelism, and hospitality.

Watch for details as they become available. If you would like to have more information, please contact Margit Peiffle at 360-403-9870, on Luther Link, or at peifflepr@aol.com.

NEWS/EVENTS

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WHY CALL FOR A JUBILEE?

The millennial year 2000 is the target date to bring about major debt relief for the world's poorest countries. National campaigns to accomplish this goal currently exist, for example, in countries such as England, Scotland, Canada, the Philippines, Australia, Ireland, Austria, Germany, Sweden, South Africa, and the United States. All call for eliminating the unpayable debt of poorest countries by the year 2000, without conditions that will further harm people living in poverty or the environment.

The Jubilee 2000 movement draws its inspiration from the book of Leviticus in the Hebrew Scriptures, which describes a Year of Jubilee every 50 years. In the Jubilee Year, social inequalities are rectified: slaves are freed, land is returned to original owners, and debts are canceled.

On October 1 to 4 a group of concerned people will gather together in Washington, DC, for the first national conference called Jubilee 2000/USA: Break the Chains of Debt! Participants will hear about the debt crisis explained by top experts; will hear stories of struggle from campaigners in highly indebted, poor countries in Latin America, Asia, and Africa; and what's wrong with the current official debt relief program (HIPC). The hope is that together we can become an effective force for change by shaping a common policy response consistent with moral and religious principals.

The success of the Jubilee 2000 movement depends on participation of organizations and congregations in the United States. The Jubilee 2000 national campaign staff can assist local groups by helping them implement programs to support this effort.

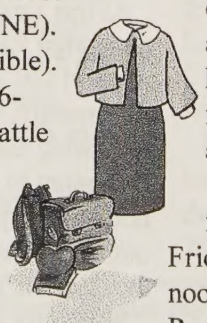
Jubilee 2000/USA Campaign is supported by the ELCA through our Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs (LOGA). You may contact LOGA at 202-783-7507 or visit their web site at www.elca.org/dcs/advocacy/loga.html.

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

To celebrate the Tenth Anniversary Year of the St. Petersburg/Seattle Sister Churches Program a dinner will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue (1717 Bellevue Way NE).

Tickets are $25 per person (a portion is tax deductible). All funds raised will be used to support travel of a 16-person Russian delegation from St. Petersburg to Seattle in April 1999. The Sister Churches Program operates under the auspices of the Church Council of Greater Seattle.

Contact Karen Serkland at 206-527-0202 for more information or tickets for the event.



MARCUS BORG GUEST SPEAKER

Learn about what has been going on in New Testament and Jesus scholarship for the last two to three decades from Marcus Borg, PhD. Prof Borg is known as one of the leading historical Jesus scholars of this generation and is the author of nine books. Two of his books have become bestsellers: *Jesus: A New Vision* and *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time.*

Prof. Borg will speak at the first annual educational event sponsored by Sno-King Cluster on Friday evening, Oct. 30, and all day on Saturday, Oct. 31, at Bethel of Shoreline. Cost is $10. (Lunch can be provided for an additional fee.) Contact Judy Goulet at 206-362-4334 for more information and reservations.

"LMC.ON LINE.GOD"

An alternative worship service has begun at 5 p.m. on Saturdays at Luther Memorial, Seattle. Called "Lmc.On Line.God", this informal service of uplifting music and message is designed to reach people of all ages and circumstances, with a special emphasis on reaching out to unchurched individuals and families.

IN NEED

Lutheran World Relief is in need of infant and children clothing as well as school and health kits. Women's clothing suitable for wearing in refugee camps is also needed.

The next Seattle pick-up is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Our Redeemer's, Seattle.

Designing A Web Page

An all-day web page development workshop is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 30, at LBI and is part of Partners for Nurture. Using Front Page 98 software, attendees will leave the workshop with a first edition and well on their way to developing your church web site. Space is limited. Cost is $15 per person, plus software cost.

This workshop is being offered by NWWA Communications Committee. More information will be available in the November issue of Soundings. Contact Margit Peiffle for more information at 360-403-9870, peifflepr@aol.com or Margit Peiffle on Luther Link.

Open Wide Your Heart

The 1998 Global Mission Awareness event for mission information and training is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, at Our Savior's, Everett.

Rev. David Dennison and Rev. Said Ailabouni, ELCA Division for Global Mission, are the guest speakers for the event. Dennison will discuss "Preaching the gospel or social work?" Rev. Ailabouni, as the representative for east Africa for DGM, will give an update about current conditions with our companion Synod in Ethiopia.

Currently, there are eight NWWA congregations who have companion congregations in Ethiopia.

Cost $5. Lunch is included.

Call Sharon Daoura for more information at 360-652-6501.

Compass Center Opportunities

Our new Tuesday suppers are letting the Compass Center do more for the homeless and hungry. This also gives the Compass Center the ability to offer additional opportunities for congregations and groups to interact with people in need.

Call Pastor Sue Wanwig if you are interested in helping to provide and to serve one of these meals. Call 206-461-7835, ext. 31.

Benefit Yard Sale

A yard sale to benefit Open Door Ministries will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, at Advent, Mill Creek. (Up to $1,000 of funds raised will be matched by Lutheran Brotherhood, Puget Sound Branch #8831, through their Branch Challenge Fund.)

Donations will be received at Advent from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2. By calling ahead, donations are also being accepted at Gethsemane, Seattle, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday (until Oct. 2). Large donations, such as furniture, should be brought directly to Advent on Saturday morning by 8:30 a.m. Advent is located about two miles off of I-5; 128th Street Exit (#186).

The purpose of Open Door Ministries is to bring the compassion of Christ and his Church to persons affected by HIV/AIDS; to extend Christ's affirming, inclusive love to all persons; and to encourage and support the church and its members as they address the issues of human sexuality and biblical interpretation.

For more information contact John or Clara Griffin at 425-290-9090 or Pat Champion at 206-766-8398.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The information below is made available to you by the NWWA Committee to prevent domestic violence. Please cut out this card and place it next to your church telephone. The Committee to prevent domestic violence hopes that it will help you and your staff respond to these type of calls. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Sexual Assault/Acute Battering
Telephone Response Card—What to say

1. Are you safe right now? If not, hang up phone and get to a safe place: a neighbor, a grocery store, a populated well-lighted place.
2. Where is the person who hurt you? Is he/she coming back? Get to a safer place.
3. Get the person's phone number so you can call her back (Especially so a long distance phone call will not arouse the batterer's suspicion.)
4. Ask about her medical situation. Are you hurt? Do you need medical attention? Encourage the person to call, or offer to call, the police or 911.

EVENTS/INFORMATION

YOUTH NEWS/MISCELLANEOUS

HEROES OF SPRINGFIELD AT YOUTH EVENT

"Under the Influence...Of Christ" is this year's theme for the 1998 Annual Church Youth Day which will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7, at PLU. This year the event will feature several special guests including Jake and Josh Ryker, Lutheran brothers from Thurston High School in Springfield, Oregon. They will join their Pastor, Zane Wilson, and others in sharing the inspirational and powerful story about a Christian response to school violence. (Jake and Josh were featured in the July issue of The Lutheran and Life.) Contact Office of Church Relations, PLU, at 253-535-7423 for more information.

LET JUSTICE ROLL

The weekend of Oct. 11 and 12 at Holden Village will be dedicated to exploring "Simplicity as a Justice Lifestyle" with popular speaker Mary Schramm and music by Tom Witt and Jason Bendickson. Two or three youth and one adult from each congregation are invited to participate in this event. Contact Janet Nelson at 206-624-0093.

1998 NWWOLY

"PUT YOUR FAITH WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS"

The 1998 NorthWest Washington Organization of Lutheran Youth will take place from November 27 to 29 at Cavanaugh's Inn on Fifth Avenue, Seattle. This high school youth gathering features great speakers, awesome music, servant events, and much more. Cost is $98 per person. Contact Bill Haines at 206-542-5603 for more information.

RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY

The Chaplain of Hospice of Seattle is offering a free workshop on Thursday, Oct 29, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Hospice of Seattle, 425 Pontius Ave N, Seattle. This free workshop's focus is "Helping Children Grieve and Music For The Soul." Please RSVP to Chaplain Karen Hanson at 206-320-7301 or to Chaplain John Hunt at 206-320-7125. Check-out the website at www.safecrossings.org.

ADVOCACY CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, Nov. 3 Election Day:** 34 Senate seats, 435 House seats, and 36 gubernatorial races will be decided. Consider organizing rides to the polls and offering childcare while people vote in your community.
- **Nov. 15-21 National Hunger and Homelessness Week:** Campuses and communities nationwide will hold education and service events related to local and global hunger issues. For more information call 1-800-NO-HUNGER or www.pirg.org/nscahh.

THE SPIRIT—DOES IT WORK FOR YOU?

By Margit Peiffle, NWWA Communication Specialist

Thank you to everyone who responded to the questionnaire in last month's Soundings. Based on those responses, the newsletter will now be mailed around the 20th of the month. By changing the date it is the hope of this editor that we will be able to meet your newsletter deadlines. So, starting with the November issue, you will receive your newsletter one week earlier. (Since The Spirit is mailed with the Soundings you will be receiving that newsletter one week earlier too.)

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 360-403-9870 or e-mail me at peifflepr@aol.com or Margit Peiffle on Luther Link.

YOUTH AND MUSIC

Do you wonder about the future of our church and its music and worship? Do you wonder about the future of young people in our church?

On Monday, Oct. 19, Victor Gebauer, Lutheran Music Program Executive Director, will lead an open forum about Lutheran music, how young people can participate, and how congregations can benefit from this ministry. The program begins at 8 p.m., Phinney Ridge, Seattle. Refreshments will be served.

Lutheran Music Program is a nationally acclaimed program for students in grades 8 to 12.

Contact Pastor Paul Hoffman, Phinney Ridge, at 206-783-2350 or Paul Bartling, Member of Lutheran Music Board of Directors, at 206-367-6527.

WANT ADS

ADMIN. ASSISTANT

Advent, Mill Creek, is looking for a part-time Administrative Assistant. The successful candidate will handle office duties that include answering the telephone, maintaining church records, working with volunteers, and assisting pastor and communication specialist with bulletins and other communication tools. Salary $700/month, plus two weeks vacation a year. Hours 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Advent, 13311 21st Ave SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012 or telephone at 425-337-5373.

FACILITATOR

Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN) seeks a Support Group Facilitator. 3 hours a week, 30 hours a year of continuing education. Salary $12.65/hr. Knowledge of domestic violence issues as demonstrated by completion of DAWN crisis intervention training and six months as crisis line volunteer or equivalent. Submit resume and cover letter to General Services Director, P.O. Box 1521, Kent, WA 98035

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Lutheran Brotherhood is in need of an Office Assistant for their office near Northgate Mall. 20 hours a week, 4 hours a day, Monday through Friday. Job description: general office duties as well as assisting agency staff with specific projects. Qualifications include good organization skills, self-motivated, punctual, and familiarity with Christian/ Lutheran Church helpful. Salary $8/hr. Contact Christine Brass or Kristi Hearn at 206-523-0009 or fax resume and cover letter to 206-525-1192.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES COORDINATOR

Downtown Seattle church seeks qualified person to coordinate small group and urban outreach ministries. Energetic, creative individual with good organizational and people skills. Salary DOE. F/T. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Send or fax resume by Oct. 15 to Search Committee, 911 Stewart St., Seattle 98101; 206-682-4519. No phone inquiries.

CHURCH ORGANIST

Ebenezer, Lake Stevens, seeks an organist for two Sunday services with additional special services during the year. Two-manual, 28-rank pipe organ. Also, accompany adult choir at mid-week rehearsal. Should be familiar with Lutheran liturgies. Salary $9,000, including four Sunday vacations. Contact the church at 425-334-0421 for more information.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Saviour's, Bellingham, is in need of a Director of Christian Education and Youth Programs. Job description/ qualifications: Committed Christian to design, develop, and implement Christian Education programs for all ages with a focus on youth programming. Requires two years experience plus two years specialized experience in developing and implementing Christian Education or youth programming.

Salary range is $18,000 to $20,000 DOE. Full-time position.

To apply send letter of interest outlining relevant education and experience, chronological listing of paid and volunteer work experience to CE & Y, Our Saviour's, 1720 Harris Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225; or e-mail to Marie Sather, msather@cc.wwu.edu or Mike McCormick, mccormcl@msn.com.

YOUTH MINISTER

Our Savior's, Everett, is seeking a full-time Youth Minister to offer their unique gifts to provide leadership and support to Middle an High School aged youth and their families, to nurture faith and service among young people, to help provide an atmosphere of welcome and invitation.

Salary and benefits DOE. Ministry Description available upon request. Please send application by Oct. 11, to either Pastor David Parks or Pastor Robert Winkel, P.O. Box 2927, Everett, WA 98203; telephone 425-252-0413; fax 425-285-9191; or e-mail to our_saviors@ecunet.org.

YOUTH LEADER

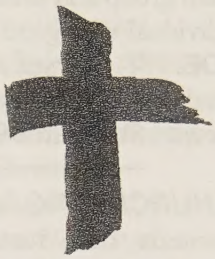
The Northeast Seattle Lutheran Youth Association, a shared ministry of five congregations, is looking for a full-time youth leader. NESLYA was organized 17 years ago and serves 100 youth, grades 5-12. Please send your resume to Candace Pidcok, 2508 North 43rd Street, Seattle, or call 206-632-0312 by Thursday, Oct. 15.

FAMILY NEWS

WITHIN OUR FAMILY . . .

Prayers for strength and healing for:

- **Norm Folkers** as he continues with his radiation treatments for cancer.



Welcome to:

- Rev. Philip Reitz, presently pastor of Shepherd of the Valley, Boise, Idaho, who has been called by the ELCA to the position of Deployed Stewardship Specialist. Pastor Reitz will be headquartered at the Region 1 Office and serve Alaska, Northwest Washington, Southwestern Washington, Eastern Washington-Idaho, and Oregon Synods. He begins Oct. 1.
- Elizabeth (Eebie) Motlong who began working for the Lutheran Volunteer Corps as their new coordinator. Previously, she had worked at the Holden Village Retreat Center for two years where she served as volunteer recruiter and coordinator. You may reach Eebie at
- 253-582-6979.

TRAINING FOR COMMUNICATORS

More than 165 ELCA communication professionals gathered in Chicago at the end of August to share views, examine technologies and receive training for launching the ELCA's nationwide identity campaign.

Three from our own Synod were able to attend the informative meeting: Marcia Bates, Chair NWWA Communications Committee; Margit Peiffle, NWWA Communication Specialist; and Beth Elness, as the representative for Region 1 (Beth is also a member of NWWA Communications Committee). The Conference offered workshops on web page design, radio and television ministry, crisis communication, news and publication development.

SAYING GOODBYE TO RON COEN

You are invited to be part of a cruise on "Spirit of Puget Sound" to celebrate and to thank Ron Coen for his years of service here in Region 1. A buffet lunch will be served.
Date: Saturday, Oct. 31
Time: Noon to 2 p.m. (Boarding begins at 11:30 a.m.)
Where: Pier 70, Elliot Bay, Seattle

Please contact Evie Boynton, Region 1 Administrator Secretary, by Sept. 30 at 206-624-0093.

Deadline! November contributions for *Soundings* need to be to Margit Peiffle by **Monday, Oct. 12.** The newsletter will be mailed on Monday, Oct.. 26. Thank you!

PASTOR THEODORE JOHNSTONE

Pastor Theodore Emanuel Johnstone died on Sept. 2 in Tacoma at the age of 92. Pastor Johnstone was the oldest Pastor on the roster of the Oregon Synod both in years of age and years of ordination. He was ordained in 1932 retiring from active parish ministry in 1973. Ted and Dagmar Ahl were married on Aug. 29, 1933, and had just celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Pastor Johnstone was a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College and Augustana Theological Seminary. He served congregations in Minnesota, Michigan, and California. His last congregation before retiring was Peace Lutheran, Seattle. Pastor Johnstone also held many leadership roles in the Church and community and after retirement served as a hospital Chaplain in Astoria, Oregon. He is survived by his wife, daughter, Charlotte, and son, Theodore.

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SYNOD CALENDAR

October

1 Communications Committee, 12:45 pm, Microsoft
3 Endowment Committee, 8:30 am, Luther Memorial, Seattle
3 Global Mission Committee, 9:30 am, Synod Office
3 *Make Me an Instrument* Worship/Music Event, LBI, Issaquah
8-10 Bishop's Convocation, Friday Harbor
11 Percept Meeting for lairy, 7:00 pm, Our Saviour's, Bellingham
12 ***Soundings* deadline**
13 Finance Committee, 7:00 pm, Prince of Peace, Shoreline
14 Executive Committee, 8:00 am, Synod Office
15 Personnel Committee, 12:30 pm, Synod Office
17 Hearing on first draft of ELCA statement on economic life, PLU, 9am
20 Endowment Investment Committee, 4:00 pm, Denny Park, Seattle
29 Board for Outreach & Evangelism, 6:00 pm, Bethel, Shoreline

November

2 ***Soundings* deadline**
2 Interim Pastors Orientation, Prince of Peace, Everett, 9:00 am
3 Finance Committee, 7:00 pm, Prince of Peace, Shoreline
6 Catechumenate Workshop, Dumas Bay Retreat Center, Federal Way
7 Calling & Hospitality Seminar, St. Matthew, Renton
8 Ecumenical Summit, 9:00 am, Synod Office
11 Executive Committee, 8:00 am, Synod Office
12 *Praying the Liturgical Seasons*, Dominican Center, Edmonds
14 Global Mission Awareness Event, 9:00 am, Our Savior's, Everett
14 SYNOD COUNCIL, location TBA
17 Global Mission Committee, 7:00 pm, Luther Memorial, Seattle
26-27 SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
30 ***Soundings* deadline**

December

1 Finance Committee, 7:00 pm, Prince of Peace, Shoreline
2 **Cluster Deans**, 10:00 am, Synod Office
10 *Praying the Liturgical Seasons*, 9:00 am, Dominican Center, Edmonds
24-25 SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

SYNOD TRANSITIONS

CALLS ACCEPTED
None to report

INSTALLATIONS
None to report

ORDINATION

Janelle Aldrich-Dale	Christ, Edmonds, on behalf of Oregon Synod	09/27/98

RETIREMENTS

Jonathan C. Nelson	10/31/98

ANNIVERSARIES/DEDICATIONS/SPECIAL EVENTS

Holy Trinity, Mercer Island	50th	04/25/98
Prince of Peace, Everett	40th	08/01/98
Vashon, Vashon	95th	10/18/98

RESIGNATIONS

Joyce A. Miller		08/01/98
Linda C. Milks	from St. Stephen's, Seattle	09/15/98
Lynn B. Peterson	from Christ the Servant, Bellingham	08/31/98
W. Thomas Soeldner	from Seattle Lutheran High School	08/01/98
James T. Wilson	from Kent, Kent	10/19/98

TRANSFERS IN/OUT OF SYNOD

Norman B. Nelson	to Oregon Synod	09/01/98

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Bainbridge Island, Bethany (A)	C	Martin Dasler, Pastor
Bellevue, Grace (A)	I	Wes Howell, Pastor
Bellevue, St Luke (A)	I	Tom Kidd, Pastor
Bellingham, Christ the Servant (A)	NV	Gary Grafwallner, Pastor
Bellingham, Our Saviour's	Int	Chris Berry/Jean Barrington
Everett, Faith	Int	Gerald Hefty, Interim
Everett, Spirit of Christ	Int	Gary Dalenius, Interim
Ferndale, Christ	Int	Don Cornell, Interim
Issaquah, Shepherd of the Hills	Int	Arden Barden, Interim
Kent, Kent (Lead)	NV	
Kent, Kent (A)	NV	
Mukilteo, Harbour Pointe	Int	Dennis Schaffert, Interim
Oak Harbor, Oak Harbor	Int	Larry Olsen, Interim
Seattle, Bethel Chinese	V	
Seattle, NESLYA (youth minister)	V	
Sedro Woolley, Bethlehem	C	Robert Roiko, Interim
Shoreline, St. Stephen's	Int	Steve Torkko, Interim
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